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Where Muskie Stands: In His Own Words

Should the U.S. apologize to Iran? Was the hostage-rescue attempt a mistake? How to deal with Soviet adventurism? What does the new Secretary of State say about problems of the Middle East?

From the public record of Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Me.) come these views of U.S. foreign-policy issues:

U.S. hostages in Iran. "We have sought support from our allies. We have attempted every peaceful avenue to secure the release of the hostages. We will continue these efforts. It is still my belief and my deepest hope that a peaceful solution is possible."

Apologizing to Iran. "There is no question that the CIA was party to the overthrow of Mossadegh and the enthronement of [the Shah]. . . . Acknowledging that fact is not a *mea culpa* to me. Denying it would be denying the historical truth."

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